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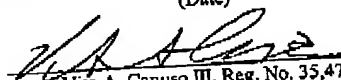
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For : SHAPING SUTURE FOR  
TREATING CONGESTIVE  
HEART FAILURE  
Group Art Unit : 3731

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.